

REMARKS

In the pending Final Office action, claims 1–20 stand rejected. Applicants traverse the rejections. However, to further prosecution of the application towards allowance, and as discussed with Examiner Nguyen on July 13, 2004, Applicants cancel claims 1–20 without prejudice and add new claims 21–54. Applicants also enclose a Request for Continued Examination. Applicants submit that no new matter is introduced by way of these amendments.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response other than as reflected on the attached Amendment Transmittal Letter. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 18-1945, under Order No. BBNT-P01-287 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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